

STATUTORY CHECKLIST [§58.35(a) activities]

for Categorical Exclusions and Environmental Assessments

Note: Review of the items on this checklist is required for both Categorical Exclusions under Sec. 58.35(a) and projects requiring an Environmental Assessment under Sec. 58.36. If no compliance with any of the items is required, a Categorical Exclusion [58.35(a)] may become "exempt" under the provisions of Sec. 58.34 (a) (12). In such cases attach the completed Statutory Checklist to a written determination of the exemption. Projects requiring an Environmental Assessment under Sec. 58.36 cannot be determined to be exempt even if no compliance with Statutory Checklist items is found. Three items listed at Sec. 58.6 are applicable to all projects, including those determined to be exempt.

**Project Name and Identification/Location: Owner-occupied Rehabilitation and Rebuilding Program
Application #2106 28 Island Circle North, Groton, CT**

Area of Statutory or Regulatory Compliance	Not Applicable to This Project	Consultation Required*	Review Required*	Permits Required*	Determination of consistency Approvals, Permits Obtained*	Conditions and/or Mitigation Actions Required	Provide compliance documentation. Additional material may be attached.
Document Laws and authorities listed at 24 CFR Sec. 58.5							
1. Historic Properties [58.5(a)] [Section 106 of NHPA]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the proposed rehabilitation plan (project scope letter from Capital Studio Architects, dated 12/22/2014). SHPO has determined the proposed rehabilitation will have no effect on the state's cultural resources (Attachment A – SHPO Letter 1/2/2015).
2. Floodplain Management [58.5(b)] [EO 11988] [24 CFR 55]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for the area shows the project site is located within a special flood hazard area, Zone AE, "1% annual flood chance" New London County, CT- Map #09011C0509J (Figure 3). Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) Program-wide Permit Pending. Appendix B: Professional Certification Form for General Permit Application has been completed (dated 8/11/2015; Attachment B).
3. Wetland Protection [58.5 (b)]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetlands Inventory map (NWI; 2012) do not identify wetlands on the project site (Figure 4). CTDEEP Tidal Wetlands Mapping, as defined in C.G.S. Section 22a-29 and Section 22a-93(7)(e), does not identify tidal wetlands on the property (Figure 5; CTDEEP 1999). US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) mapping of soils indicates the presence of Poorly Drained and Very Poorly Drained Inland Wetlands soils on site (Figure 6). However, the shape of the identified wetland and the presence of Island Circle North suggest that such wetland soils are not present on the site. The presence or absence of wetlands soils within the footprint of the proposed project should be confirmed by a Soil Scientist.

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4. Coastal Zone Management [58.5(c)] [CGS 22a-100(b)]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The site is located within the Coastal Boundary, but above the Coastal Jurisdiction Line contour/elevation of 2.0 ft. for the City of Groton (CTDEEP 2012; Figure 5). Review by local Planning & Zoning is required (activities must be consistent with Coastal Management Act C.G.S Section 22a-100(b)).
5. Water Quality -- Aquifers [58.5(d)] [40 CFR 149] Clean Water Act 1977 Safe Drinking Water Act 1974	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Utility and sewer connections will be removed and reconnected to the new elevation. No impacts to water quality are anticipated. CTDEEP Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse map titled "Connecticut Aquifer Projection Areas" dated December 2013 does not identify aquifer protection areas in the City of Groton, CT (Figure 7). The project site is not located in an EPA Sole Source Aquifer (http://www.epa.gov/region1/eco/drinkwater/pc_solesource_aquifer.html).
6. Endangered Species [58.5(e)] [16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.] [CGS 26-310]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	CTDEEP State and Federal Listed Species and Significant Natural Communities Map for New London County indicates the potential presence of listed species or significant natural communities within the vicinity of the site (CTDEEP NDDb 2014; Figure 8). However, program-specific parameters indicate if the property is not located on a sandy beach, no further NDDb review is required. Project site is not located on a sandy beach (see photolog). USFWS Information, Planning and Conservation System (IPaC) indicates the potential presence of two threatened or endangered species, Roseate tern (<i>Sterna dougallii dougallii</i>) and Red knot (<i>Calidris canutus rufa</i>), on the project site (Attachment C). Further review of USFWS Endangered Species Consultation Project Review for Projects with Federal Involvement indicates roseate terns are not expected to occur within the City of Groton and the project site lacks suitable habitat for red knot (Attachment D). Therefore, no threatened or endangered species are not expected occur within the project site (Attachment E).
7. Wild and Scenic Rivers [58.5 (f)] [16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eightmile River is the only designated wild & scenic river within program area located in Lyme, Salem and East Haddam, CT (rivers.gov; 2012; Figure 9). Project site is not within one mile of the designated area.
8. Air Quality [58.5(g)] [42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Residential rehabilitation; will result in no quantifiable increase in air pollution.
9. Farmland Protection [58.5(h)]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NRCS mapping indicates the site is primarily underlain by Westbrook mucky peat and Narragansett silt loam soils (Figure 6). The proposed project will not involve the conversion of any prime, unique, statewide, or locally important farmland.

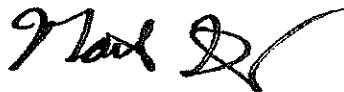
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Manmade Hazards: 10 A. Thermal Explosive [58.5(i)]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The site is in a residential neighborhood and proposed project will not result in any increase to density.
10 B. Noise [58.5(i)]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Some short term construction-related noise is expected. No impact on long term contributions to ambient noise is expected.
10 C. Airport Clear Zones [58.5 (i)]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The site is outside of any airport clear zone (Figure 10).
10 D. Toxic Sites [58.5 (i)(2)(i)]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Site is not listed on EPA Superfund National Priorities or CERCLA List or equivalent State list, is not located within 3,000 feet of a toxic or solid waste landfill, does not have an underground storage tank (which is not a residential fuel tank) and is not known or suspected to be contaminated by toxic chemicals or radioactive materials. Based on attached environmental database report prepared by Ecolog ERIS Ltd (Attachment F), site inspection, and owner interview.
11. Environmental Justice [58.5(i)]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The project site located in Groton which is listed as a Distressed Municipality based on the CTDECD 2013 List (Attachment G). However, the project site is not located within a low income community, defined as a census block with 30% of the population living below 200% of the poverty line (Attachment H). The rehabilitation work at the project site is compatible with the surrounding residential use and no adverse human health and environmental effects on minority or low income population are expected.
Document Laws and authorities listed at Sec. 58.6 and other potential environmental concerns							
12 A. Flood Insurance [58.6(a) & (b)]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	FEMA FIRM for the site shows the project site is located within a special flood hazard area, Zone AE, "1% annual flood chance." New London County, CT- Map #09011C0509J (Figure 3). The assisted homeowners are required to maintain flood insurance for not less than five years from the date of the assistance. DOH to track and maintain.
12 B. Coastal Barriers [58.6(c)]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The project site is not located within a designated FEMA FIRM Coastal Barrier Resource Zone. New London County, CT- Map #09011C0509J (Figure 3).
12 C. Airport Clear Zone Notification [58.6(d)]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The site is outside of any airport clear zone (Figure 10). Project does not involve purchase or sale of a property as such 24 CFR 58.6(d).
13. A Solid Waste Disposal [42 U.S.C. 53251 et seq.] and [42 U.S.C. 6901-6987 et seq.]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Solid waste disposal provided by the City. Proposed project will not result in an increase in density.
13 B. Fish and Wildlife [U.S.C. 661-666c]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Program activities will not result in impounding, diverting, deepening, channelizing or modification of any stream or body

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14 D. Local inland wetlands/watercourses [CGS 22a-42]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NRCS soils data (Figure 6) indicates the potential presence of inland wetland soils on the property. However, the shape of the identified wetland and the presence of Island Circle North suggest that such wetland soils are not present on the site. The presence or absence of wetlands soils within the footprint of the proposed project should be confirmed by a Soil Scientist.
14 E. Various Municipal Zoning Approvals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No change of use or building expansion that would require zoning approvals noted.

DETERMINATION:

- ☐ This project converts to Exempt, per §58.349a)(12), because it does not require any mitigation for compliance with any listed statutes or authorities, nor requires any formal permit or license. Funds may be drawn down for this (now) EXEMPT project; OR
- ☒ This project cannot convert to Exempt because one or more statutes/authorities requires consultation or mitigation. Complete consultation/mitigation requirements, publish NOI/RROF and obtain Authority to Use Grant Funds (HUD 7015.16) per §58.70 and 58.71 before drawing down funds; OR
- ☐ The unusual circumstances of this project may result in a significant environmental impact. This project requires preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA). Prepare the EA according to 24 CFR Part 58 Subpart E.

Prepared by:

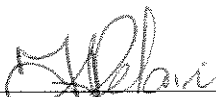


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